

# Political Life of Al Smith

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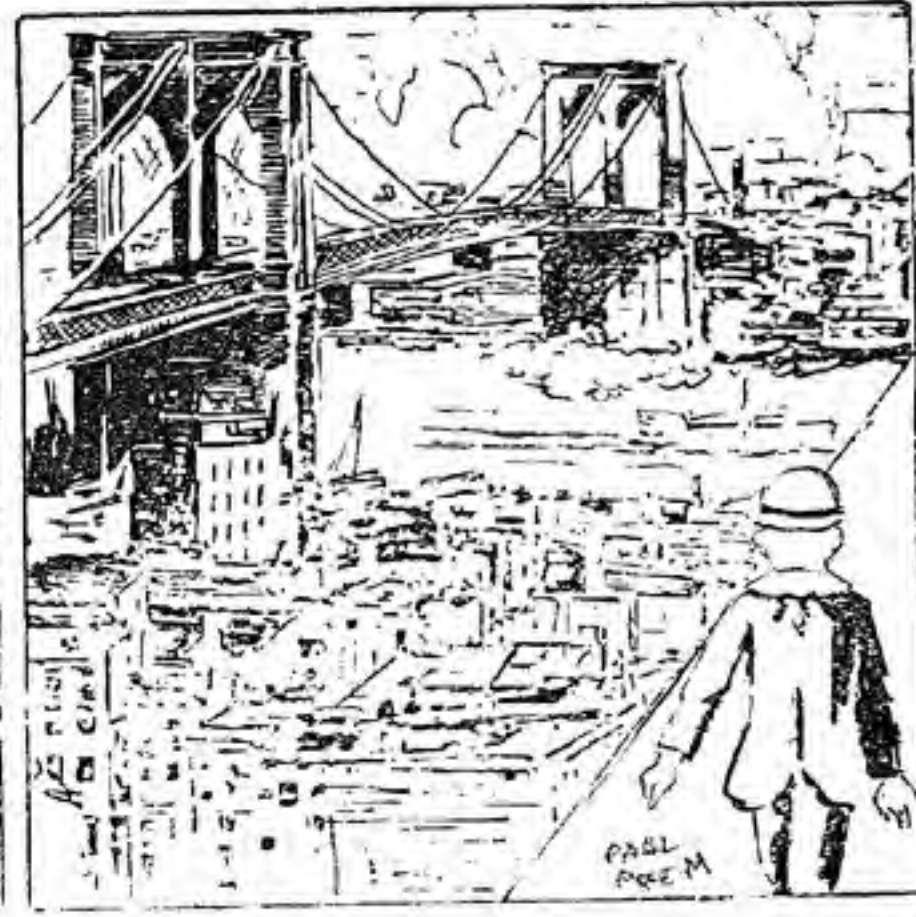
Alfred E. Smith was born at 174 South St., on December 30, 1873. The neighborhood was largely peopled by industrious, respectable Irish.



The governor's father, also Alfred E. Smith, drove a truck. He never made much money as he was always aiding others. He was noted for his ready and sympathetic nature.



Mrs. Catherine Mulvihill Smith, Alfred's mother, exerted a strong influence on the character of her son. For two and one half years she worked as an umbrella maker to keep Alfred in school.



As a small boy, Alfred walked over the unfinished Brooklyn Bridge—anxious to be the first to cross.

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SMITH'S first important assignment was as a member of the Committee on Insurance. Speaker Wadsworth gave him the appointment.



The Governor's mastery of public affairs dates back to 1911, when he was made a member of the Ways and Means Committee.



His unfailing memory was of inestimable help to him on this highly important committee. He knew the needs of every community by heart and never aided a measure until satisfied that it was necessary.



Although Smith worked early and late, reading, studying and learning, he still found time to maintain his contacts with the people.



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SMITH'S complete mastery of state government, his liberal views and understanding of the people made him known all over the nation



THE LIVES of great men who rose from the obscurity of log cabins were considered romantic; Smith's life contains the unusual romance of rising from the obscurity of a big city.



IT BECAME increasingly apparent since the last presidential year that Smith was the outstanding Democrat of the nation.



STATESMAN, legislator, governor and humanitarian, Alfred Emanuel Smith was nominated for the presidency by the Democratic party in 1928.